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June 25, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A306
Washington, DC 20554


Re: ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of DialTone Services, LP ("DialTone") (SAC 449030), please find attached a copy of DialTone's FCC Form 481 Carrier Annual Report, filed pursuant to Section 54.313 of the Commission's Rules ("Form 481 Report"). The Form 481 Report has been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File System, and was successfully certified on June 24, 2015.

Please contact the undersigned if any questions arise concerning the above-referenced enclosures or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Todd B. Lantor
Steven M. Chernoff
John Cimko

Attorneys for:
DialTone Services, LP

Attachment

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**
FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	449030
<015>	Study Area Name	DIALTONE SERVICES, LP
<020>	Program Year	2016
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	William Dorran
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	4155058327 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	bdorran@dialtonetexas.com

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<430>	Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers (broadband)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<440>	Fixed		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<450>	Mobile		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	449030TX510.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	449030TX610.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Not Applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>		(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>		(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bdorran@dialtonetexas.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> (yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<111>		

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing \$ 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	DialTone Services, LP
<811>	Holding Company	Not Applicable
<812>	Operating Company	DialTone Services, LP

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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449030TX1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support; carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**Data Collection Form***Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers*

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>

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DIATONE SERVICES, LP

2016

William DOSTER

115708827-EXT.

DOSTER@DIATONETEXAS.COM

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)

<2011a> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)

<2011b> Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii)

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

<2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))

<2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))

<2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

<2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

<2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification

<2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification

<2019> Interim Progress Certification

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

<2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	415058127 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bdorian@diatone.com

CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(n)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
 Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
 (Yes/No)
 (Yes/No)

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service (TPIS)	
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Steven M Chernoff</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Steven M Chernoff
Name of Reporting Carrier:	DIALTONE SERVICES, LP
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/24/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	William Dorran
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4155058127 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	449030 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	DIALTONE SERVICES, LP
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Steven M. Chernoff
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/24/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Steven M. Chernoff
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Attorney
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	7035848670 ext.
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Attachments

Line 510 – Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection

The FCC’s rules require that an ETC provide a “[c]ertification that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules[.]”¹ For wireless ETCs, the FCC has held that a commitment to abide by the CTIA–The Wireless Association[®] (“CTIA”) Consumer Code for Wireless Service is sufficient to meet this requirement.² The FCC has also determined that it will evaluate other commitments on a case-by-case basis, noting that “[t]o the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”³ Finally, the FCC has held that “[i]f ETCs are complying with any voluntary code ... they should so indicate in their reports.”

DialTone Services, L.P. (“DTS”) hereby certifies that it complies with applicable service quality and consumer protection practices in connection with its provision of voice services. Specifically, in the orders designating DTS as an ETC, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUC”) accepted DTS’s voluntary commitment to comply with several PUC Substantive Rules related to quality of service, service objectives and transmission requirements, to the extent those rules are applicable to MSS providers. *See* P.U.C. Subst. R. 26.52, 26.53, and 26.54. DTS also complies with applicable federal service quality and consumer protection requirements, including but not limited to Customer Proprietary Network Information rules and other federal rules and statutes protecting consumer privacy.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5).

² *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Report and Order*, 20 FCC Rcd 6371, 6383 (2005).

³ *Id.* at 6383-84 and n.72.

Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations

Section 54.313(a)(6) requires eligible telecommunications carriers (“ETCs”) to certify that they are “able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)”¹ in connection with their provision of voice services. The Commission’s Rules do not require an ETC to describe how it is capable of handling emergencies. The referenced rule section, Section 54.202(a)(2), requires that each applicant for ETC designation must “[d]emonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to re-route traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.”² Although DialTone Services, L.P. (“DTS”) is not an applicant, it will rely on Section 54.202(a)(2) to describe its network’s emergency functionality for purposes of Section 54.313(a)(6) as follows:

DTS utilizes Mobile Satellite Service (“MSS”) networks to provide service. By its nature the network is designed to operate in an emergency setting. The ground units can operate on either traditional power or their battery power. The satellites are powered by solar power and batteries and not subject to power outages on the ground. The network operating center or hub on the ground has backup power generation. The networks are also designed to handle increases in traffic with both existing excess capacity and the ability to increase power to increase capacity. DTS has provided service to first responders in emergency situations in Texas on several occasions where DTS was the only functioning network.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a).

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DialTone Services, L.P. (SAC 449030)

Line 1200 – Terms and Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Monthly rate: \$14.95

Minutes: 300 included

Toll charges: None